

HOLMAC Meeting Minutes October 9, 2012

Present: Corey Baker, Lois Olsen, Brad, Jane Kollmeyer, Dan Wirak, Andy Bauer.

Corey called the meeting to order.

Corey led a discussion on social trails that should be added to the trail system. A consensus was reached on several short sections to be added. Most of the sections were short connector trail that are minor additions. Brad gave the group a copy of the naming policy. As the additions were all minor, the group agreed that no new names were needed. The trails committee will determine the most practical names for the map for these short sections. The remaining social trails will be discussed at future meetings. Brad has a map of the sections that will be added.

Brad gave an update on grants. The City has received notification that the following grants have been awarded pending acceptance by City Commission:

LWCF \$90,000: to be used for the purchase of Alpine Meadows Lot #16.

MFCWT \$75,000: to be used for the purchase of Alpine Meadows Lot #16.

2012 recreation parks conference report: On September 25-29th, the City of Missoula hosted the 2012 Idaho/Montana Recreation and Parks Association Conference. Brad Langsather attended the conference and provided a brief report of the highlights of the conference which included a tour of Missoula's Open Lands and a presentation by Missoula's Open Lands manager on the effectiveness of sheep grazing on noxious weed control.

Brad also updated the group on the Daisy hill trail relocation. The trail was built by MCC this fall, but a portion crossed private land. After discussions with the private land owners Brad removed and rehabilitated the trail. There is a need for a trail in this area. This will be discussed in future meetings.

Committees:

Wildlife committee: HOLMAC unsuccessfully competed for a grant for a wildlife guzzler with the Missouri River RAC. The committee will continue

to apply for grants with the mule deer foundation and other appropriate grants as they come up.

Weeds committee: Brad discussed the potential for using grazing animals in the future for weed control. The group recognized that the unsuccessful attempt to use animals on Mount Helena for weed control was unfortunate, but this tool for weed control could be appropriate.

Trails—trails were discussed at length in the meeting.

Cultural—no report

Forestry--grants and forest management were discussed in the meeting.

No public comment was received.

Lois Olsen, HOLMAC secretary